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Jordan-Syria: King Husayn has begun a crack-down on terrorist activity in Jordan in the wake of several serious incidents triggered by a new group responsive to the Baathist regime in Syria.

The organization, named "Vanguard of the People's Liberation War," besieged Amman police headquarters on 28 May in an effort to free one of its members. It engaged the Bedouin police battalion in an hour-long fire fight and then slipped away through the lines of the palace guards.

Information [redacted]
[redacted] has led to the arrest of about 25 Vanguard members.

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[redacted] Jordanian authorities warned leaders of other terrorist elements in the country that similar actions on their part would be dealt with severely. These leaders publicly have denied any connection with the Vanguard group and have denounced its actions.

Husayn, nevertheless, reportedly sees the recent incidents as justification for a general crack-down against all terrorist activity in the country. Roadblocks have been set up, cars are being searched for arms, and selective searches for arms caches in Amman are to be made.

Husayn reportedly intends to press vigorously his campaign against the terrorists, in spite of the fact that he is hampered by his inability to pull back many troops from the cease-fire line with Israel.

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